

### **Chronic Disease Management Review Group**

- Studies to develop the evidence base to deliver health care more effectively and efficiently to patients with chronic diseases; with opportunities for improvements in patient care and service quality and reductions in costs; including interventions for health promotion, disease prevention, and disability postponement.
- Self-care and self-management (patient level); disease/case management (provider level)

### **Long Term Care & Aging Review Group**

- Studies that examine the outcomes, quality, cost, use and accessibility of long-term care for the elderly, chronically ill, and disabled across the extended care continuum.
- Studies that focus on issues pertinent to the provision of health care for an aging population; including diseases prevalent in aging, dementia, caregiving, and end of life care,

### **Equity Review Group**

- Interventional studies to address ethnic or minority health disparities
- Women's Health
- Reducing disparities in vulnerable populations

### **Implementation and Management Research Group**

Investigations that enhance VA's ability to practice evidence-based medicine and evidence-based management.

- Studies of new approaches for implementing evidence into practice
- Evaluations of implementation strategies
- Management and organizational studies
- System and organizational approaches to improve access, quality, or safety

### **ORD Nursing Research Initiative Review Group**

Investigations that advance VA nursing practice in the fields of health services, rehabilitation, clinical science or biomedical laboratory research. The focus is patient-centered and relevant to veterans.

- Identify effective methods for improving, maintaining, and preventing decline in the functional status of patients
- Develop and test new patient care delivery approaches and health outcomes
- Explore impacts of research utilization on patient outcomes, cost assessment, and facilitators and barriers
- Explore basic biological and physiological principles in humans

### **Quality Measurement & Effectiveness Review Group**

- Measurement of quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the provision of health care and access to health care, including clinical outcomes studies

- Studies to develop/test quality measures and indicators

### **Research Methodology**

Investigations that develop, validate, and evaluate new research tools or methods

- Econometrics (economic studies, decision modeling, utility assessment measures)
- New statistical methods
- Mixed qualitative and quantitative methods
- Develop and test new measurement instruments
- Early assessment of new technologies

### **Special Populations (Mental Health) Review Group**

- Mental health
- Substance use disorders
- Post-traumatic stress disorder

### **Rehabilitation Outcomes Review Group**

- Sensory disorders and loss
- Poly-trauma (traumatic amputation, brain injury, spinal cord injury)